

Additional/Revised Information

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	October 16, 2006
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Discussion Item	Resolution Expressing Support for Columbia Union College Remaining in Takoma Park
Background	<p>At its October 18 meeting, the Board of Trustees of Columbia Union College (CUC) is scheduled to consider proposals regarding the College's future. One of the proposals would reconfigure CUC to focus on the health sciences and would affiliate the institution with Adventist HealthCare.</p> <p>Washington Adventist Hospital, an Adventist HealthCare institution in Takoma Park, has indicated its intention to relocate out of the City.</p> <p>Mayor Porter has prepared a revised resolution (revised since Friday, October 13) for consideration at the City Council's October 16 meeting. The resolution expresses the Council's support for Columbia Union College remaining in Takoma Park and its commitment to work with the College toward this end. The resolution also expresses concern that turning responsibility for the governance of the College over to Adventist HealthCare would facilitate the College's relocation outside of the City.</p>
Policy	The City Council values the contributions of Columbia Union College to the Takoma Park community.
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution Expressing Support for Columbia Union College Remaining in Takoma Park Article from the October 11, 2006 <i>Takoma Park Gazette</i>, "Board Mulls the Future of Columbia Union College" Articles by CUC Marketing and Communications Staff (from CUC <i>Alumni Life News</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "A Synopsis of Proposals" http://www.cuc.edu/alumni/news.html?story_id=1269 "Study Commission: Questions and Answers" http://www.cuc.edu/news.html?story_id=1237
Recommendation	Council to consider resolution.
Special Consideration	

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CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2006-__

Expressing Support for Columbia Union College Remaining in Takoma Park

- Whereas,** Columbia Union College has been a valued part of the Takoma Park community for over 100 years; and
- Whereas,** Columbia Union College is a major employer within the City of Takoma Park; and
- Whereas,** as Montgomery County's only four-year liberal arts college, Columbia Union College provides a unique educational opportunity to members of our community; and
- Whereas,** the College campus provides an important green space in an ever-denser urban community; and
- Whereas,** the City and the College have partnered on special events, such as the Takoma Park Film Festival and the Taste of Takoma Park, that provide benefits to students, faculty, and city residents alike; and
- Whereas,** based on presentations made to the City Council by Columbia Union College, the Council is looking forward to the College's planned music performance center and athletic facility as valuable assets to our community; and
- Whereas,** both the City Council and College President Randal Wisbey have worked to maintain a good relationship between the City and the College for many years; and
- Whereas,** the City Council has received information that the CUC Board of Trustees is considering a change in its governance to place itself under the direction of Adventist Health Care; and
- Whereas,** Washington Adventist Hospital, another Adventist Health Care institution in Takoma Park, recently announced that it intends to move out of Takoma Park, a move that would be a great loss to the Takoma Park community; and
- Whereas,** an Adventist Health Care spokesperson was recently quoted in the press as saying that if the College were to be placed under the direction of Adventist Health Care, the future location of the College was undetermined.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Takoma Park

expresses its support for Columbia Union College remaining in Takoma Park and its commitment to work with the college toward this end; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its deep concern that turning responsibility for the governance of the College over to Adventist Health Care, at a time when Adventist Health Care has already announced its intention to move Washington Adventist Hospital out of Takoma Park, would facilitate the College's relocation outside of the City.

Adopted this _____ day of October, 2006.